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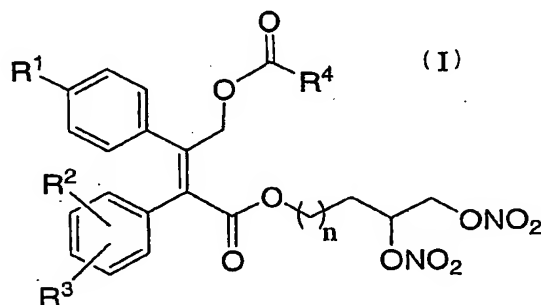
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(57) Abstract: The invention encompasses novel compounds of
Formula I, which are nitric oxide-releasing prodrugs of diaryl-2-
(5H) furanones useful in the treatment of cyclooxygenase-2 medi-
ated diseases. Formula (I). The invention also encompasses certain
pharmaceutical compositions and methods for treating cyclooxyge-
nase-2 mediated diseases comprising the use of compounds of For-
mula I. The above compounds may be used as a combination ther-
apy with low-dose aspirin to treat chronic cyclooxygenase-2 medi-
ated diseases or conditions while also reducing the risk of throm-
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